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Maritime Center of Excellence to Receive Brownfields Grant

Madison – On August 24th, State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette), Assembly Co-Chair of the budget-writing Joint Committee on Finance, released the following statement congratulating the Maritime Center of Excellence on being awarded a Brownfields Grant:

"I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincere congratulations to the Maritime Center of Excellence in Marinette for being awarded a \$500,000 Brownfields Grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC).

"This grant will help support the shipbuilding industry in northeastern Wisconsin – an industry that is integral to our economy and beneficial to the hardworking members of our community. As the U.S. Navy continues to contract with Marinette Marine to build Littoral Combat Ships, the Maritime Center of Excellence will serve as a training facility, educational center, and research hub.

"The majority of funds from this grant will be used to neutralize contaminated land where the center is to be built. Once built, the center will be conveniently located near Marinette Marine and will be a great asset to the shipbuilding and greater manufacturing industries in our area.

"Once again, congratulations of the Maritime Center of Excellence for being awarded this grant. I look forward to seeing the benefits that will come from further strengthening our economy through the manufacturing industry in northeastern Wisconsin."

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